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1. On 1 January 1952, the management of the Soviet Military Bank (Gosbank) in Vienna issued an order pertaining to the preparation of file cards for every USIA-controlled firm in Austria. On these cards, monthly entries are to be made, showing the sum allocated for the wages of the plant's workers and employees, the plant's production target, and the actual production.
2. If the figures for actual production are below the target figures, it is planned to deduct a proportionate amount from the sum allocated for wages, on a percentage basis, over a period to be decided upon. The Russian managers of USIA firms were summoned to a meeting towards the middle of January 1952, when they were informed of the new procedure.
3. On 31 January, USIA firms were asked to submit their returns. It is reported that about one third of the firms delayed the filing of the returns with the plea that accurate figures for January would not be available before the end of February. The remaining firms sent in returns showing that they had reached 100% of their target production.
4. The management of the Russian Military Bank reportedly decided that no wage deductions shall be made as a penalty for not filing the returns in time, but that they shall be carried out at the end of February if the figures shown at that date are not satisfactory. It is also intended to check at the factories the statements of firms which claimed to have reached 100% of their target production.

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payments due USIA firms to be remitted directly to the Soviet Military Bank []

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